

Lincoln Police Department Bike Patrol 1988-2002



15 Year Anniversary Commemorative Issue
To the dedicated officers of the Bike Patrol

To all the Officers and Sergeants who
have made the
Lincoln Police Department's
bike patrol successful.

Bike Patrol 1988-2003

Officers

Jim Ashley
Mike Bassett
Emery Bashus
Bobby Branch
Jeff Bucher
Scott Byram
Tim Carmichael
Kim Church
Court Cleland
Todd Danson
Mark Domangue
Tom Duden
Don Hansen
John Hartman
Brian Hoefer
Charlie Marti
Goeffrey Marti
John McGahan
Eric Meyer
Brian Ward
Lance Worley
Jill Guthrie
Conan Schafer
Mike Ripley

Sergeants

Dennis Duckworth
Brian Jackson
Valerie Kinghorn
Dennis Miller
Roger Schmidt
Mike Siefkes
Mike Woolman
Joe Wright
Bob Ziemer
Jim Spanel

Bike Patrol History

1988 The bike patrol is started when Officer Mark Domangue looked for a more efficient way for foot patrol officers to answer calls in the downtown area. This begins the first police bike patrol in the state of Nebraska. Bike Pedalers donated 8 blue and white Cannondale bikes to the Lincoln Police Department.

1989 Officer Domangue, Officer Charlie Marti and Sgt. Schmidt continue the inclusion of bikes in regular patrol during the second shift in downtown.

1990 Sgt. Roger Schmidt makes the change from a foot patrol squad to a bike patrol utilizing bikes on two different shifts.

1992 Sgt. Mike Siefkes takes over as the bike patrol sergeant. March 15, 1992 was the last day a foot patrol officer existed, patrolling by mountain bike is now the standard patrol method in the ever busy Lincoln downtown. Two officers are assigned to day shift and three handle second shift. The Yokota mountain bike is purchased from Blue's Bikes and owner Jim Carveth. This is the first bike to have shocks. The officers traveled to Boulder, Colorado to attend a three day training on policing by mountain Bike. They train with Sgt. Paul Grady of the Seattle Bike Patrol in June. Bike officers are provided uniform sweaters to extend the months they can ride in inclement weather and shorts for milder weather. This is the first year the bike officers lead the Star City Parade down O Street and work at Holmes Lake for the 4th of July Event.

1993 Sergeant Siefkes has Jelo the Clown train the bike officers to tie balloon bike hats, dogs and rabbits as part of the on going integration of bike officers into the downtown community. Bike patrol officers are frequently asked to stop by the Children's Museum or be present at a variety of functions in the downtown area. They get a special windbreaker jacket with reflective POLICE on the back.

1995 During the Midwest Bike Competition the Lincoln Police Officers Charlie Marti and Brian Hoefer finished Second Runner Up All Events on 8-27-1995. They donated their prizes to Santa Cop. New Giant bikes are purchased from Blues Bikes.

1996 During the Midwest Bike Competition the Lincoln Police Officers Charlie Marti and Lance Worley finished All Events Champion, on 10-27-1996. They donated their prizes to Santa Cop.

1997 Sgt. Valerie Kinghorn becomes the first female bike sergeant when Sgt. Mike Siefkes leaves the unit to be the Crime Prevention Sergeant. Sgt. Siefkes had been the bike patrol sergeant for 5 years and through his leadership brought the bike patrol to its current high standard of excellence. During the Midwest Bike Competition the Lincoln Police Officers Charlie Marti and Lance Worley finished as Overall Champion All Events on 9-28-1997. They are the overall champions, the best bike patrol in the Midwest region. They donated their prizes to Santa Cop.

1998 Sgt. Dennis Duckworth takes over the bike patrol and works one night a week patrolling evenings with the officers. Ofc. Duden and Ofc Ashley devise a new sign warning people to not ride on the downtown sidewalks. This sign is placed in 50 different locations downtown. The Schwinn Moab bike is purchased. The Lincoln Police Department splits the NWC Team in half creating the Northwest Team and the Center Team. The bike squad is reduced from six officers to five in the change from NWC Team to CE Team. During the all city bid Officer Bucher leaves the bike squad and transfers to NW Team Officer Charlie Marti transfers to third shift then the next year becomes an SRO.

1999 Sgt. Joe Wright begins the year as the bike sergeant but by summer has taken a job as the SW Team detective, Sgt. Mike Woolman takes over for the remainder of the year.

2000 Sgt. Brian Jackson is the bike sergeant and works to perfect the wild party details and the cooperation between the Lincoln Police Department and the NU Directions Robert Woods Johnson grant with Mall Stop. This year during the annual ride of the bike officers to start the Star City Parade The bike cops are sporting the "Grinch Dog" antler complete with red Christmas ornament, courtesy of Sgt. Jackson's wife's creative skills. Officer Duden resigned to take a job with Data Design, Officer Branch resigns to be an officer for Omaha and Officers Hansen and Ashley decide to return to cruiser patrol duties. New TREK bikes were purchased in 2000.

2001 Sgt. Dennis Miller takes over the bike squad and Kim Church the first female bike officer is assigned to the bike patrol. All the bike officers travel to Chicago to train on crowd control techniques as the crowd problems increase around the 14-15th on O Street area.

2002 One additional bike officer is added to the bike squad, putting two officers on first shift and four on second. Officer Charlie Marti re-joins the bike patrol after three years as an SRO. LPD Bike Patrol decides to co-host with UNLPD a LCOP (Lincoln Cops on Pedals) Bike Clinic.

Lincoln Police Bike Officer Awards

Lincoln Police Department Officer of the Year

Officer Mark Domangue 1990

Officer Tom Duden 1994

Lincoln Police Department Training Officer of the Year

Tom Duden 1995

Yellow Jersey Award

This award is given annually to the bike officer who his peers determine is worthy of wearing the yellow jersey of excellence.

2002	Officer Eric Meyer
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2000	Sergeant Brian Jackson
1999	Officer Don Hansen
1998	Officer Eric Meyer
1997	Officer Jim Ashley
1996	Officer Jeff Bucher
1995	Officer Mike Bassett
1994	Officer Charlie Marti
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Midwest Bike Competition

1995 Second Runner Up All Events. Officer Charlie Marti and Officer Brian Hoefer, 8-27-1995.

1996 All Events Champion. Officer Charlie Marti and Officer Lance Worley, 10-27-1996.

1997 Overall Champion All Events. Officer Charlie Marti and Officer Lance Worley, 9-28-1997.



1988 Cannondale

Color: Blue and White

Features:



1992 Yokota Mountain Bike

Color: Black

Features: Monguse Pedals, Rock Shocks and Shmano Shifters. Officers carried a back for all their equipment.



1995 Giants

Color: Silver

Features: Rock Shocks. LPD had two different Giant bikes in use.



1998 Schwinn Moab

Color: Blue

Features: aluminum frame, 24 speed mountain bike, Rock Shock Judy front suspension fork. Semi click road tires, clip less pedals, Shimano STX Derailleur, Rapid fire shifters



2001 Trek 8500

Color: Red

Features: Tamer suspension, XtR/xt drive train, Hayes hydraulic disk moto cross housing, Rolf wheels, SPD's style Shimano and Time clip less pedals, 27 Speed bikes, xt-XTR rapid fire controls.

Many bike officers use a backpack instead of the pack mounted on the bike.

Bike Patrol Equipment



Cool Max T-shirt

gloves

Alita bike shorts



All Weather Jacket

Reflective POLICE on jacket back and reflective strips on sleeves and front of jacket for visibility at night.



Giro Helmet



Bike Officers are issued: Bike Pants, shorts, helmets, Cool Max Shirts, heavy jacket, windbreaker jacket, and a uniform sweater

Olympic Bike Pants have knee vents for ease in pedaling.

Officers can also use BDUs when riding the bike.



Shoes have clips on the sole for the bike pedals